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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF QATAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to address this communication to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Islamic States at the United Nations, and to inform you that an urgent meeting of the Group was convened at the United Nations today, 21 August 1998, to discuss the situation in the Republic of the Sudan arising from the missiles attack by the United States of America on the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum.

The Islamic Group unanimously decided to endorse the request, contained in the communication dated 21 August 1998 from His Excellency Bishop Gobrial Rosic, State Minister at the Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of the Sudan, addressed to you (S/1998/786), for the convening of an urgent meeting of the Security Council to discuss this matter. It also called upon the Security Council to send a fact-finding mission to the Sudan.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Fahad AL-HAJRI
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of Qatar to the United Nations and
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